



Bringing the County Closer to You!

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RESCHEDULED

**Leggett to Host Final FY16 Operating Budget Public Forum;
Residents' Input Crucial in Determining Priorities**
Monday, February 2 7:00pm
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center
4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda

County Announces spendingMontgomery to Engage Residents on County Spending

A new website, spendingMontgomery designed to provide residents and businesses with unprecedented access to raw spending data, was announced today by County Executive Ike Leggett who was joined by County Council Member Hans Riemer. The site also offers interactive features to help users better understand how the County spends public funds. The financial transparency tool is the latest step taken by [Montgomery County](#) to connect residents with important public data and continues the County's role as a national leader in open data and data-driven government.

SpendingMontgomery – found at <https://spending.data.montgomerycountymd.gov> * – allows the public to better understand spending data through guided views, simple search navigations, and visualizations (charts, graphs, tables).

Read more at http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=14476

Applications Being Accepted for Small Business Mentorship Program

The Department of Economic Development Business Empowerment division is gearing up for the 2015 Small Business Mentorship Program. Participants in this free program meet on a monthly basis for presentations on various essential business topics. Each company is assigned a mentor to guide them through the program and provide ongoing business assistance.

For more information and to sign up, please contact DeVance.Walker@montgomerycountymd.gov. We're also looking for a few more mentors, so if you are interested in serving, we would love to hear from you too!

Applications accepted until March 31, 2015

The Frank Islam Athenaeum Symposia presents . . .



Hedrick Smith, Pulitzer Prize Author

**Wednesday, February 4 7:00pm
Montgomery College- Germantown Campus
Globe Hall
20200 Observation Drive, Germantown**

"Who Stole the American Dream?" (2012)

Remarkable account of how "we have become two Americas...divided by power, money, and ideology"; Smith traces "the dissolution of American democra-cy." Mr. Smith, Pulitzer Prize-winning former *New York Times* reporter and editor and Emmy award-winning producer/correspondent, is one of America's most distinguished journalists.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit the College's website at <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/athenaeum> or email joan.naake@montgomerycollege.edu

Montgomery Council Seeks Applicants for County Public Election Fund Committee

Deadline for Applications is Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 5 p.m.

The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants for positions on the recently established Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund. Letters of interest must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4. The Council recently enacted Bill 16-14 that established a voluntary public campaign financing system for candidates for County Council and County Executive.

Read more at http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_detailsNew.asp?PrID=14323

Leggett Announces Opening of the "Thingstitute"

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett was joined by the County's Chief Innovation Officer Dan Hoffman to announce the opening of the "Thingstitute," a living laboratory for Internet of Things (IoT) technology providing an unparalleled test-bed for start-ups, established companies and research institutions.

The initiative also will foster cooperation among other jurisdictions. The County has already entered into a partnership agreement with Mayor Sly James of Kansas City and is expected to announce another out-of-state major metropolitan city will join the effort.

Thingstitute is located in the Historic Old Brick Courthouse in Rockville.

COUNTY DECLARES WINTER WEATHERING EMERGENCY:

NO UNATTENDED DOG TETHERING OUTSIDE

The Montgomery County Police Animal Services Division has announced an emergency due to anticipated extreme temperatures over the next several days and nights. Residents must not tether their dogs unattended outside during this emergency.

To report unattended outside tethering during this emergency call Animal Services at 301-279-8000.

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/cshtml.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>